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SUBJ: US/MEXICO FISHERIES AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 204353 AND MEXICO 12452

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED DRAFT NOTE REGARDING EXPLORATORY FISHING WITH AMBASSADOR MANUAL TELLO AT FONMIN EVENING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. TELL, NOTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED CONTENT OF NOTE WITH AMBASSADOR CLINGAN IN NEW YORK. BASED ON THIS DISCUSSION, TELLO SAYS GOM CANNOT GO ALONG WITH PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE NOTE, WHICH WOULD ALLOW USG TO "REQUEST ON BEHALF OF ITS NATIONALS THAT US VESSELS BE PERMITTED TO CONDUCT COMMERICAL FISHING OPERATIONS IN THE ZONE PURSUANT TO MEXICAN LAW AND TO THE AGREEMENT."

2. BY WAY OF PRELIMINARIES TELLO NOTED THAT GOM DOES NOT OBJECT TO FISHING ON EXPERIMENTAL BASIS, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT USG WILL INFORM GOM OF TOTAL DATA ACCUMULATED; A POINT ALREADY AGREED UPON. CUMULATIVE TOTALITY IMPORTANT  
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HERE, AS HE EMPHASIZED SUFFICIENT DATA CANNOT BE GATHERED IN

ONE TRIP.

3. TELLO SAID HE BELIEVES CORRECT APPROACH IS FOR (A) FISHING TRIPS TO BE MADE AND DATA COLLECTED, (B) CUMULATIVE, ORGANIZED FINDINGS TO BE GIVEN TO GOM, AND (C) US AND MEXICAN REPS TO SIT DOWN AND COME TO AGREEMENT ON ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES AND CATCHES FOR MEXICAN AND US FISHERMEN, WHICH (D) WOULD COMPRISE AN APPENDIX TO US-MEXICAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT. TELLO CLAIMS AMBASSADOR CLINGAN INFORMED OF THIS IN NEW YORK AND THAT AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY AGREED TO THIS PROCEDURE.

4. PURSUANT TO THIS ARRANGEMENT, TELLO SAYS GOM UNDERSTANDS THAT EMBASSY WILL SEND A NOTE REQUESTING THAT A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF BOATS BE ALLOWED TO CARRY OUT EXPERIMENTAL FISHING. SUCH PERMISSION WOULD THEN BE GIVEN UNDER REGULAR LICENSING PROCEDURES AND DATA ACCUMULATION WOULD BEGIN. HE NOTED THAT UPCOMING APRIL (UNSURE OF DATE) MEETING ON "COMMERICAL AGREEMENT ON EXPLOITATION" WOULD BE POSSIBLE TIME TO DISCUSS HARVESTING IN EXPERIMENTAL FISHERIES AREAS, BASED ON BY-THEN ACCUMULATED DATA ON AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

5. IN VIEW OF THESE POINTS, TELLO SAID PROVISIO IN PARAGRAPH 5 CALLING FOR COMMERICAL FISHING OPERATIONS UPON COMPLETION OF EACH EXPERIMENTAL FISHING TRIP IS NOT IN ORDER, AND THAT "PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE DRAFT NOTE CONTRADICTS PARAGRAPH 5."

6. AT END OF CONVERSATION TELLO NOTED THAT "IT IS OBVIOUS THAT GOM NOT INTERESTED IN DOLLARS AND CENTS IN THIS MATTER," AND REITERATED GOM'S INTEREST IN CONCLUDING FISHERIES AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EMBOFF NOTED THAT AGREEMENT ALREADY AT WHITE HOUSE AND THAT EXPLORATORY FISHERIES MATTERS SHOULD BE ARRANGED SOON IN VIEW OF THAT. TELLO PLEDGED GOM COOPERATION.  
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